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SUBJECT: MEETING OF GERHARD BEIL WITH TREASURY UNDER
SECRETARY SOLOMON

1. GDR DELEGATION HEADED BY GERHARD BEIL AND AMBASSADOR
SIEBER CALLED ON TREASURY UNDER SECRETARY ANTHONY SOLOMON
JUNE 15.

2. BEIL DISCUSSED TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL WHOSE JOINT
MEETING WAS OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON. ALSO
DISCUSSED PROPOSED CONSULAR CONVENTION, STATING THAT
DURING VISIT TO STATE DEPARTMENT JUNE 14 HE HAD BEEN TOLD
THAT GDR COULD OPEN COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN UNITED STATES
EVEN IN ABSENCE OF CONSULAR CONVENTION IF OFFICE TO
OPERATE WITHOUT SPECIAL STATUS OR PRIVILEGES, AND THAT
A REPLY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SOON TO THE GDR REQUEST TO OPEN
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SUCH AN OFFICE.

3. WITH RESPECT TO MFN AND CREDITS, SOLOMON INDICATED
THAT HE COULD NOT HOLD OUT HOPE THAT UNDER EXISTING
CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE GDR THERE COULD BE LEGISLATIVE
ACTION TO MODIFY THE JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT.

4. BEIL DISCUSSED THE INTEREST OF THE GDR IN CONCLUDING AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, REGULATING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. HE STRESSED INTEREST OF GDR IN TAKING ALL THE "SMALL STEPS" WHICH CAN BE TAKEN NOW TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN GDR AND US.

5. SOLOMON REPLIED THAT IN GENERAL WE ENCOURAGE EXPANSION OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH GDR. WE HAVE NOTICED WITH PLEASURE, HE SAID, SOME RECENT ACTIONS IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. DETAILS MEMCON BEING AIRPOUCHED. VANCE

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